Village Council Monday, April 6, 2009 7:00 PM

Minutes

<u>Call to Order:</u> Mr. Deeds called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Mrs. Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

John Bender Rick Deeds Bruce Jarvis Bobbie Mershon

Victor Paini Marilyn Rush-Ekelberry Leah Turner

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Paini moved to accept the minutes from the March 16th, 2009 meeting, as well as the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 30th, 2009. Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Paini, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Mershon

Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Jarvis

NAYS

Motion carried.

Communications & Petitions:

•John O'Meara of Columbus & Franklin County Metropolitan Parks spoke regarding the proposed tax levy-replacement and increase on the May 5th ballot. It replaces a 0.65 mill with an increase of 0.1 mills to constitute a tax of 0.75 mills for 10 years commencing in 2009. That will cost homeowners \$36 / year in total. That money will take care of existing parks, Three Creeks, Slate Run, and Blacklick Park, and will also propose three new metro parks in Franklin County; one of which will be very close to Canal Winchester. It will also work on the trail systems in Franklin County. They would also like to expand their educational programs, geared toward seniors and children in the schools.

Mr. Paini asked what would happen to the Walnut Creek park area if the levy doesn't pass and if it does pass, what is the timeline for development out there? Mr. O'Meara stated that the park area would sit undeveloped. The timeline, should the levy pass, is that the park would open within 3 years.

Mr. Paini asked if it does pass, would he be willing to bring the design plan back for us to see. He stated that he would and that they have in the past created a citizen review committee to help in the planning of the use of the area.

Dr. Bender asked about the bike path along Little Walnut Creek and discussion ensued.

•Chuck Miller and Stan Smith of the Canal Winchester Local School District spoke regarding the proposed 14.82 mill two year emergency operating levy commencing in 2009 on the May 5th ballot.

Mr. Miller stated that the schools have turned the corner academically. Last year the school received an "effective" rating from the State. The student population has more than doubled in the last ten years and we have added 117 teachers within that period to accommodate that growth; all without increasing operating taxes since 2001.

Unfortunately, we are now in a financial crisis. We cannot continue to give a quality education without generating more money. We are asking for an emergency levy that would generate 6.4 million dollars for 2 years. It will allow us to restore some of what we have reduced in the last three years. \$5.3 million dollars have been cut already from a roughly \$30 million budget and it will require that an additional \$2.5 million be cut before opening doors in the fall if the levy doesn't pass. That means that 22 teachers will be laid off, as well as cutting almost everything that they can and still be legal.

He is asking that Council support the levy and talk to their neighbors and promote voting for the levy on May 5th.

Mrs. Mershon asked what they could do to help, other than voting yes on Tuesday. Mr. Miller stated that there are 3 weekends scheduled for people to go door to door. Anyone can call the Board office and they will get them in contact with the chairs of the committee for the levy.

Dr. Bender asked Mr. Smith if he has ever seen the school in such a state of need. Mr. Smith stated that they have never laid off people and that in and of itself, says something. To put it in perspective, we currently have 340 employees. In order to maintain the student/employee ratio that has been the norm for all the years he has been here and growing up in Canal, we would have 420 employees. That shows that we have already scaled back on hiring's to less that what would be ideal for student/teacher ratios. Further discussion ensued.

- •A letter was received from Fairfield Homes, Inc. apprising the Village of their intent to become a general partner in a residential development financed by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency for a 40 unit affordable senior apartment property off of E. Waterloo Street in the Village. Objections must be filed by April 17, 2009.
- •A letter was received from WOW Communications regarding changes to their channel lineup.
- •A thank you was received from the Canal Winchester Area Chamber of Commerce for the Village's and Mayor's participation the Annual Chamber Dinner and Expo.

Village Residents Comments:

Five-minute limit per person - None at this time.

ORDINANCES:

FIRST Reading

Sponsor: Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry

O-09-04A AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 351.14 (a) and (b) AND 1185.07 (b) OF THE

CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CANAL WINCHESTER

REGARDING THE PARKING OF RECREATIONAL AND SIMILAR VEHICLES IN

RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry read the Ordinance. First reading only.

Sponsor: Mrs. Turner

O-09-04B AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 1151.01, 1153.16, 1159.05 (a) (2),

CHAPTER 1163, SECTION 1181.04 (a), APPENDIX B1 AND APPENDIX C1-C9 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CANAL WINCHESTER

REGARDING MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS

Mrs. Turner read the ordinance. First reading only.

Sponsor: Mr. Jarvis

O-09-04C AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION DOLLARS

(\$2,000,000) OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, RESURFACING, WIDENING, AND IMPROVING RUTHERFORD DRIVE, ROBINETT WAY, AND EICHORN STREET INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING SIDEWALKS, CURBS, GUTTERS, AND WATER, STORM SEWER, AND SANITARY SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SUCH ROADS AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Jarvis read the ordinance and moved to suspend the rules for 2nd and third reading due to the timeliness of the bid/funding process. Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Paini, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Mershon

Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Jarvis

NAYS

Motion carried.

Mr. Jarvis moved to adopt Ordinance 21-09. Dr. Bender seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Paini, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Mershon

Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Jarvis

NAYS

Motion carried

Sponsor: Mrs. Mershon

O-09-04E AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

Mrs. Mershon read the ordinance. First reading only.

Sponsor: Mr. Jarvis

O-09-04F AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE TO PARTICIPATE WITH

MADISON TOWNSHIP AND HAMILTON TOWNSHIP IN THE SALE OF UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE OR UNFIT PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE

VILLAGE AT AUCTION ON MAY 2, 2009

Mr. Jarvis read the ordinance. First Reading only.

RESOLUTIONS

FIRST Reading

Sponsor: Dr. Bender

R-09-04A A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CANAL WINCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOL

DISTRICT 14.82 MILL TWO YEAR EMERGENCY OPERATING LEVY ON THE MAY

5, 2009 BALLOT

Dr. Bender read the resolution. First reading only.

Sponsor: Mrs. Mershon

R-09-04B A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE

REVIEW COUNCIL FOR THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY TAX ABATEMENT AREAS

WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF CANAL WINCHESTER

Mrs. Mershon read the Resolution. First reading only.

SECOND Reading

Sponsor: Dr. Bender

R-09-03A A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANAL WINCHESTER YOUTH SUPPORT

TEAM BANNERS AND YARD SIGNS ON THE VARIOUS STREETS AND

SIDEWALKS OF THE VILLAGE OF CANAL WINCHESTER IN SUPPORT OF THE

STATE WIDE CAMPAIGN "PARENTS WHO HOST LOSE THE MOST"

Dr. Bender read the resolution. Second reading only.

Mayor's Report:

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to accept the Mayor's Court report for March; Mrs. Turner seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Paini, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Mershon

Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Jarvis

NAYS

Motion carried.

After weeks of applications and submittals, the stimulus finding was not granted to the Village of Canal Winchester. MORPC granted the Village of Canal Winchester 1 ½ miles of paving.

Mr. Tony Collins came to the Parks Advisory Committee meeting and spoke about the Parks and rec. system in Gahanna.

Public Works Director:

Mr. Peoples stated that he met with the vendor of the skate park and believes that we can get a skate park within the space and monetary constraints laid down in the Committee of the Whole meeting.

The Gender Rd. light synchronization has been uploaded and is running smoothly. The timing with the elementary school campus is better but still very difficult. It is still being worked on. Mr. Paini asked about a separate entrance to Groveport Rd.

The Eichorn/Rutherford project is going up for bid on Wednesday and opening will be on the 24th.

Development Director:

Mr. Strayer stated that the CWICC did not meet in March. The annual meeting is scheduled for April.

Manifold and Phalor projects are on hold temporarily.

The senior housing project is on the agenda for next week's Planning Committee meeting.

Mr. Strayer submitted on three state leads last week. 75% of the leads coming in are now for existing buildings as opposed to land for development due to the development.

Community Affairs Director:

Ms. Hoover stated that she had received requests from seniors at the Community Center to make the doors on the Trine Street entrance automatic, handicap-accessible doors and they were able to add those recently.

May 9th will be Community Clean-Up day...they are still looking for volunteers. A press release went out last week.

Music and Art in the Park will be scaled back to three events this year. They will be on May 15th, June 19th and July 17th; third Friday's of the month.

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry attended the Women's Self Defense class and it was very well- attended by a wide span of ages and great information was given out.

Village Solicitor:

Mr. Hollins commended Council on planning the Rutherford /Eichorn projects. It is a smart move to take that step while the economy is in a downturn.

Fairfield County Sheriff:

Deputy Dixon read the report.

Finance Director:

Ms. Osborn summarized what transpired at the Finance Committee meeting.

Bed tax grant recommendations were made in the following amounts:

Education Fund \$1,500

Historical Society \$10,000 (50% grant and 50% matching)

Football for Food \$1,500
Youth Support Team \$1,125
Relay for Life \$2,500
Friends for Life \$1,625

\$18,250 total

Also, Ms. Osborn is requesting that appropriations be amended in the amount of \$187 for FEMA bill and \$15,975 for our share of property taxes that must be paid this year until our tax–exempt status comes through.

Council will see information regarding the Red Flag act for identity theft. The Village has to draft a policy, adopt it and put in place a privacy committee and a privacy officer and an annual review program with reporting to the Federal Trade industry. Ms. Osborn is working on the issue.

A MOU was received from KidsConnect asking for some written commitment from the Village of Canal Winchester.

Work will begin on the 2010 budget at the May Finance committee.

The new Park Fee will have a Public Hearing for May 18th at 6:45pm.

Council Reports:

Old Town Committee Monday, April 13, 2009 at 5:30 PM

•Small group of volunteers removed the old HVAC system from the Interurban

Finance Committee Monday, May 4, 2009 at 5:45 PM Service Committee Monday, April 20, 2009 at 5:45 PM Safety Committee Monday, April 13, 2009 at 5:00 PM

New Business:

Canal Winchester Historical Society will be meeting tomorrow at 7:30pm and Marilyn Rush-Ekelberry and Patty Spires will be talking about living in Canal Winchester in the 1940's and 1950's.

Mayor Ebert stated that Mansfield-News Journal .com ran an article called "Canal Winchester is worth the short drive" and the Charleston Connection ran an article on the water plant. They are both worth taking the time to read. See attached.

Old Business:

None at this time

Adjourn to Executive Session: Not needed at this time.

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Mr. Paini moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Deeds seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Paini, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Mershon

Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Jarvis

NAYS

Motion carried. Time out 8:03pm

Clerk of Council	President of Council	
9	Mayor	

NOTE: The minutes set forth herein are an extract of the Council meetings. Anyone desiring a transcript of the complete minutes of the Council meeting may obtain the same at a cost of \$10.00 per page.